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SUBJECT: SHAPE/EUCOM COLLOCATION

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1. WE SUGGEST DELETING FROM THE POINTS IN PARA 2 REF A
THE REFERENCE TO THE US SPECIAL PROGRAM FUNDING. THE
DECISION ON THIS ISSUE WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED BY SECDEF
UNTIL AFTER 1 SEPT 77. HE HAS ASKED FOR A COORDINATED
EUCOM/USNMR/USNATO RECOMMENDATION. FOR TECHNICAL REASONS,
SUCH AS TIMING, CONTROL, AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS WE
BELIEVE OUR RECOMMENDATION WILL BE NEGATIVE. IN ANY
EVENT WE SEE NO NEED TO RAISE THE SUBJECT AT THIS TIME.

2. IN CARRYING FORWARD THE COLLOCATION DISCUSSIONS,
WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THE NEED TO
INFORM NATO AUTHORITIES, AND US ALLIES OTHER THAN
FRG AND BELGIUM, AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE OF US PLANS
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AND RATIONALE. IN THIS REGARD, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE
BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM SYG LUNS (OR IN HIS ABSENCE
D/SYG PANSA) OF THE POINTS IN PARA 2 REFTEL WHEN FORMAL
DISCUSSIONS ARE INITIATED WITH THE GOB AND FRG. WE
ALSO RECOMMEND THAT WE INFORM THE ALLIES AT NATO BY
LETTER OF OUR DECISION, WITH APPROPRIATE EXPLANATION,
IF THE GOB AND FRG AGREE TO OUR GOING AHEAD--BEFORE

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CONTACTS BEGIN WITH THE BELGIAN CONTRACTOR. WHILE SOME ALLIES MAY NOT BE DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN OTHER THAN INFRASTRUCTURE ASPECTS, A DECISION REGARDING SHAPE/ EUCOM COLLOCATION WILL BE SEEN BY SOME OF THEM AS A MOVE AFFECTING THE ALLIANCE. WE BELIEVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WHY WILL PREVENT UNHELPFUL SPECULATION, AND ANY FEELING THAT THE US IS TAKING AN ACTION OF INTEREST TO THE ALLIANCE WITHOUT INFORMING OR CONSULTING THE ALLIES.

3. OUR EXPLANATION SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO HEAD OFF ANY POSSIBLE CONJECTURE ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE COLLOCATION DECISION AND ALLEGATIONS REGARDING PRM-10 (ARE THE AMERICANS PULLING BACK) AND TO MAKE CLEAR THAT COLLOCATION WILL NOT AFFECT THE NATO COMMAND STRUCTURE (SEE PARA 4 REF B). GLITMAN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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